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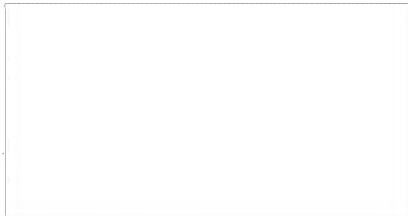
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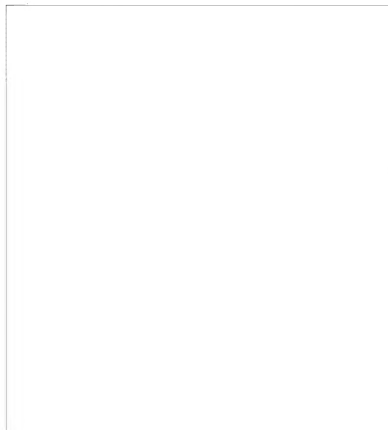


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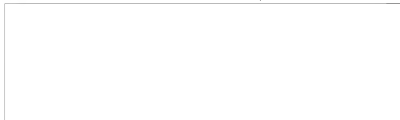


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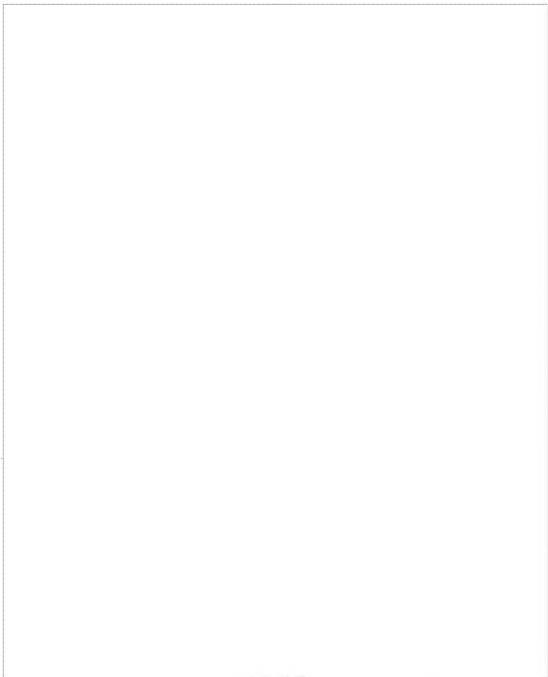
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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION:

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Ho Chi Minh Gets Award: As part of the Soviet 50th anniversary celebrations, Moscow has given its highest award--the Order of Lenin--to Ho Chi Minh. In announcing the award Saturday, the Soviet press called Ho an "outstanding revolutionary and leader of the world Communist movement, consistent fighter for socialism and for strengthening Soviet-Vietnamese friendship." Hanoi has made no comment as yet on the award.

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No Comment: Neither Hanoi nor the Liberation Front has as yet offered any commentary on Ambassador Goldberg's proposal to include the Front in any UN Security Council debate of the Vietnam problem.

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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

More From the Women for Peace: Hanoi is continuing to broadcast statements on the war by leftist Americans who have recently been in North Vietnam. These broadcasts are in English and beamed to US troops in South Vietnam. The latest such broadcast was on 3 November and comprised remarks attributed to Dagmar Wilson, national chairman of "Women Strike for Peace." Mrs. Wilson was in Hanoi in early October.

The broadcast consisted of her views of American "antiwar activities." Mrs. Wilson expressed the belief that the best way to support the boys in Vietnam is to bring them home and related how people like herself must try to turn the minds of people who support the war effort. This was being done, she claimed, by making heroes out of the young men who have refused to fight. Mrs. Wilson said she believes it is more important to live and work for what you believe in than to "sacrifice and die."

In another broadcast in English to American servicemen in the South, Hanoi on 3 November carried excerpts from what is described as "letters left behind on the battlefield." These were letters

from a mother to a young Marine who, the broadcast pointed out, died on 22 April, less than one month after he had been promoted.

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Hanoi on the President's Press Conference:
Hanoi has denounced President Johnson's 1 November press conference statement that US objectives in Vietnam are limited. A Hanoi broadcast in English on 4 November claimed that the President's declaration actually means the US wants South Vietnam to be "a new type colony and a US military base for aggression." "This colonialist stand of the Johnson administration," the broadcast asserted, "has shed more light on his hypocritical announcement about a peaceful settlement, his readiness to negotiate, and the conditional cessation of the bombing." Because of this "hypocritical policy," the broadcast said that the protest against US policy in Vietnam has mounted throughout the world.

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